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A Merry Christmas

And

A Happy New Year

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Pearls of Wisdom from the Garden Society

Gardeners take note -

The moon and the weather may change together, but change of the moon does not change the weather.

Clear moon – frost soon

Bees will not swarm before a storm

Flowers blooming in late Autumn are a sign of a bad winter

Try to avoid moving your Christmas Cactus as it blossoms. Temperature and light level changes can cause bud drop

Whether it's cold or whether it's hot we shall have weather, whether or not



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Welcome to the December/January edition of the Parish Magazine.

I am writing this on a gloriously sunny November morning—quite unusual as we have had so much rain. November can be such a miserable month, with the only highlights being poppies to remember war dead and fireworks to remember treason!

Luckily, it is followed by December and Christmas. Christmas starts earlier and earlier. I know my daughter's Christmas lights, a feature in Heathside are already nearly ready for turning on.

Christmas is a season of goodwill to all men. It is a time when we remember a couple, with a pregnant wife, forced to leave their home and travel miles to an already overcrowded city by order of the occupying Government. There they could only find

a stable to live in. Here in these insanitary conditions, the woman gave birth to her first son. We know this as the birth of Christ, but this scenario is being repeated many times over in Gaza. Leaving the politics aside, the situation in Gaza is horrific. At writing, the first hostage release is imminent and I hope by publication, there might even be a temporary truce in place as more hostages are released daily in small groups. But even if by some miracle the bloodshed is over by the end of the year, the physical rebuilding of that small strip of land is an immense task and the mental healing of it's people almost impossible.

Both Palestinians and Jews can rightly claim historical ownership of the land. There is no easy answer to this issue. The only answer is for a change in the hearts and souls of both sides, helped by a united world, and for a willingness to live next to each other peacefully.

Can this ever happen? I sincerely believe that with God's help, peace can be achieved both in the Middle East, in Ukraine, Somali, Yemen and other war striven parts of the world.

'The earth is but one country and Mankind it's citizens'

Lets us all pray for peace over this joyous season.

Ruth

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Appledore Village Diary – December 2023/January 2024

Monday Parent & Toddler Group 10am - 1pm

Monday Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm

Tuesday Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection 10.15 - 10.45am

Tuesday Art Class 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday Pilates 5.55pm – 6.55pm

Wednesday Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm

Wednesday Lindy Fit 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday Pilates 9.45am – 10.45am

Thursday Spinning 6pm - 7pm

Friday Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am

Saturday 2 December Christmas Bake Day 9.30—12.30pm Church

Monday 4th December APC Meeting 7.30pm

Saturday 9th December Over 65's Christmas Lunch 12 noon

Tuesday 12th December CARM 10am - 11.30am

Friday 15th December Ramble 1pm Recreation Ground

Friday 15th December Christmas Dance to The Rocketmen
7.30pm – 11.45pm

Monday 18th December Christmas Carols with Hythe Salvation Band 7.30pm
Followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Church

Tuesday 19th December NO ART CLASS

Wednesday 20th December NO AEROBICS

Friday 22nd December NO TAI CHI

Monday 25 December—Christmas Day—NO AEROBICS

Tuesday 26 December—Boxing Day—NO CARM MEETING POINT

NO ART CLASS

NO PILATES

Thursday 28 December NO PILATES

Friday 29th December NO TAI CHI

Monday 1st January New Year's Day NO AEROBICS

Tuesday 2nd January NO ART CLASS

Monday 8th January APC Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 9th January CARM 10am – 11.30am

Friday 19th January Ramble 1pm Recreation Ground

Saturday 20th January Indoor Boot Fair 10am – 2pm

Sunday 21st January Antique Fair 10am – 3pm

Tuesday 23rd January CARM 10am – 11.30am

Tuesday 30th January Garden Society AGM 7.15pm



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN TENTERDEN, ROTHER AND OXNEY

We are a group of churches covering Appledore, Ebony, Newenden, Rolvenden, Smallhythe, St Michael's, Stone, Tenterden and Wittersham.

SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Morning Prayer will be said Monday to Friday at 9am in Tenterden Church. This service will not appear online.

Beginning the Day with God, a ten-minute reflective service, will be **online only** from Monday to Saturday.

Ending the Day with God, a ten-minute reflective service, will be **online only** from Monday to Saturday.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Michael's every Wednesday, and at Tenterden every Thursday. Both celebrations will begin at 10am, and last about twenty-five minutes. These services won't appear online.

To access our daily online worship, visit:

YouTube

St Mildred's, Tenterden

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBAbfTcsSiiq4HALM0GRdWg>

Online services can also be accessed through the daily bulletin, **Connect Up!**

[Connect Up | The Church of England in Tenterden, Rother & Oxney
\(tentroxchurches.co.uk\)](https://www.tentroxchurches.co.uk)

To receive **Connect Up!** please visit our website: www.tentroxchurches.co.uk
<https://www.tentroxchurches.co.uk/>

Saturday 2nd December

9am An Advent Pilgrimage: Hoping (*Stone*)
followed by an optional breakfast in the church at 9.30am

Sunday 3rd December: The First Sunday of Advent

11am Advent Carol Service (*Appledore*)
4pm Sung Evensong (*Stone*)

Saturday 9th December

9am An Advent Pilgrimage: Waiting (*Smallhythe*)
followed by an optional breakfast in the church at 9.30am

Sunday 10th December: The Second Sunday of Advent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

Saturday 16th December

9am An Advent Pilgrimage: Fearing (*Rolvenden*)
followed by an optional breakfast in The Star Inn at 9.30am
(which must be booked in advance)

Sunday 17th December: The Third Sunday of Advent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)
4pm Christmas Carols by Candlelight (*Stone*)

Monday 18th December

7.30pm Christmas Carols with Hythe Salvation Army Band (*Appledore*)

Saturday 23rd December

9am An Advent Pilgrimage: Preparing (*Tenterden*)
followed by an optional breakfast in the church at 9.30am
6pm Christmas Carol Service (*Wittersham*)

Sunday 24th December: The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

3pm Christmas Crib Service (*Stone*)
6pm Crib Service (*Appledore*)

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day

11am Christmas Morning Worship (*Appledore*)

Sunday 31st December: The First Sunday of Christmas and New Year's Eve

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

Sunday 7th January: The Epiphany of Our Lord

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore*)
4pm A Celebration of Epiphany and New Year (*Stone*)

Sunday 14th January: The Second Sunday of Epiphany

11am The Eucharist of Plough Sunday (*Appledore*)

Sunday 21st January: The Third Sunday of Epiphany

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

Sunday 28th January: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)



From the Minister

We are currently in a season of light and dark, a season of much celebration thanks to Christmas and New Year, but also a season of cold, long, dark nights. This is a season which many struggle with for many reasons, perhaps because of a sense of expectation to be happy at times of celebration, or perhaps because of the oppressive nature of the aforementioned long, dark nights and inclement weather. It is also a season when we stop and take stock, to look back at the year that has passed and ahead for the year to come, but with a multitude of global crises making for an increasingly dark world, it can be difficult to maintain a sense of gratitude for all that has been, a sense of joy for all that is and a sense of excitement for all that will be. Our light in dark times can seem to grow dim and leave us feeling disorientated and helpless.

While we may find some comfort in the consistency and continuity of familiar traditions at Christmas and New Year such as family meals, present-giving and fireworks, there is a greater encouragement to be found at this time of year. Despite our increasingly individualistic society, community remains an enormously valuable part of our lives, but only if it is fostered and invested in. Each of us is a part of our shared community and at this time of year, there are plenty of opportunities to come together and there is therefore plenty of opportunity for us to support our shared life together. It is in communal living, in the encouragement and building-up of one another, that we find divisions are bridged and barriers are torn down. The darkness that causes such divisions in the first place retreats when we, as individual lights in the world, gather to form a communal light and we are able to see each other more clearly.

The twelve-day festival of Christmas tells us a familiar story, one which we have likely heard many times before, but we love to hear a good story again and again, because stories are at the heart of communities and this particular story has community at its heart. Christmas tells of how God came to be in communion with creation in the person of Christ who is the light of the word: 'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it' (John 1:5). Two thousand years ago, a community of people came together under a starry sky to catch a glimpse of a child who would change the world. The same light that was offered to that community all that time ago is still offered to us as a community today, and it is the passion of the local church to provide time and space in which we can come together in that light, to feel afresh the love that it radiates into our hearts and to see each other more clearly in our shared life together. You are therefore warmly invited to your church's many services and events this Christmas season and beyond which include carol services, Christingles, crib services, Midnight Mass, and much more, including the Feast of Epiphany.

Christmas ends with the twelfth night on 6th January when Epiphany is celebrated to remember the arrival of the Magi at Bethlehem after their long journey following the star. 'Epiphany' means 'to reveal that which is hidden', and it is light that reveals to us that which is hidden by darkness. The light offered to us by Christ never grows dim and so I pray that, in the midst of this season of darkness, God's blessing is poured out on our communal life and that our hearts are illuminated to reveal a renewed sense of thankfulness, awe and hope in all that we hold dear.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New year to you all.

Revd Andrew.

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PRODUCE IN THE PORCH

Thanks to everyone who leaves used jam jars, flower pots, plastic trays, books and knitting wool in the church porch. We gratefully use them all and hope you will please continue to donate in this way.

Our next Cake Bake day in the porch will be on Saturday 2nd December at 9.30 followed by Saturday 6th January and the first Saturdays of subsequent months. Come any earlier you may not always find that the sausage rolls have arrived as they are too hot to package!

If you feel the urge to make a cake / cookies/ savouries please contact either Judith (758285) or Donna (758256) who would be delighted to hear from you. As always every item (and ingredient) for sale is donated so all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

The porch is open every day from 9.00 am until late afternoon where you will find our usual range of preserves, books, plants, flowers and other desirables.

Thank you for your support. J.C.

Methodist Worship

The Methodists still meet regularly in each others houses to worship in the same manner as they did in the Methodist Chapel. Every fourth Wednesday, a Minister comes and takes a Holy Communion Service. If you prefer a more informal service of Christian Worship, please call Brenda for details—758322

**December
2023 —**

**January
2024**

Church

Rota

	<u>Sidesperson</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
3rd December	Judith	Roger H/Andy	Eileen/Brenda
10th December	Jo	Michael/Frances	N/A
Carol Service			
17th December	Frances	Roger P/Helen	Fay
24th December	Philippa	Nativity parts to be allocated	N/A
6pm Nativity			
25th December	Judith	Hannah/preacher	N/A
Christmas Day			
31st December	Denise	Vicki/Donna	Jo
7th January	Philippa	Jane/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen
14th January	Judith	Roger P/Chris	Jane
21st January	Denise	Thelma/Donna	Donna
28th January	Jo	Michael/Tony	Fay
3rd February	Donna	Roger H/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen

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Flower

Rota

	Altar	West End	Porch
24th December	Fay Steed	Kate Stevens	Helen Hennig
5th January	Lynn Marston	Denise Stephens	Dawn Prance
19th January	Paddy Moseley	Julie Flawn	Helen Downing Waite
2nd February	Julie Wooding	Judith Clifton	Linda Hiskey

If you are unable to take your turn, please telephone Judith Clifton on 758285 or text 07840 356681. Please take the old flowers home with you or place in the black bin at church (not the green one as that is for recycle only).

For the period between Christmas and Lent please will you keep an eye on your flowers and top up for 2 weeks. Thank you. J.C.

St Peter & St Paul's Church Appledore



This is a photo of Mekedes who has become our sponsored child through a Christian organisation called Compassion.

She is five years old and lives in Sidama, a hilly region in southern Ethiopia (Sidama refers to the region and the indigenous people), which is an important coffee producing area. Both of her parents are day-labourers, with no guaranteed income.

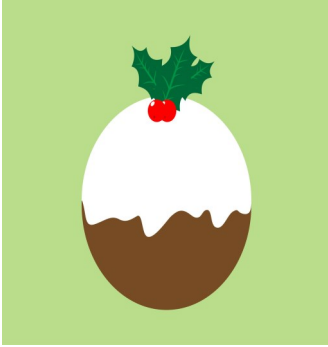
Our sponsorship, prayer and personal encouragement will help release her from poverty. Mekedes will be provided with health check-ups, nutritional support and the love of the local church. We hope that she can also now go to school.

We have committed to sponsoring Mekedes until she finishes her education and this will give her the best chance to improve her future and her family's too.

We are making a regular contribution through our PCC funds, but organisations such as Compassion ask that we consider giving money for a Christmas present or a birthday present (Mekedes birthday is on the 20th January). If you would like to make an additional donation to help us, please place it in a sealed envelope with your name and address for my records or anonymously if you prefer, and post it through my letterbox. Thank you.

Fay – 24 The Street, Appledore

Ed. My mother sponsored an African boy for many years and we watched him grow up, train as a teacher, I believe, and get married. I had a lovely letter from him after I informed him of my mother's passing. He was SO grateful. So do consider joining in sponsoring Mekedes.



CHRISTMAS CAKE BAKE

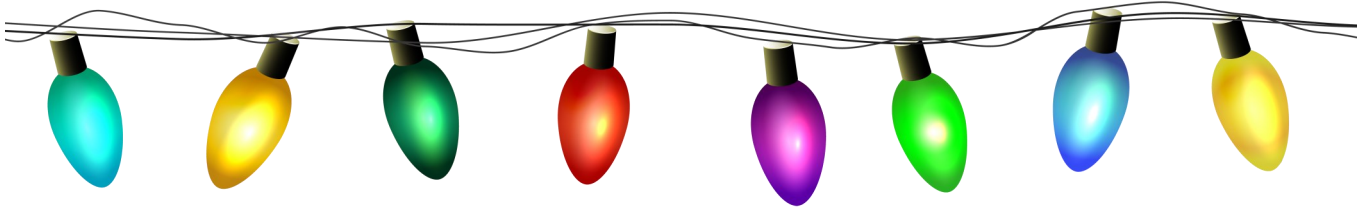
Saturday 2nd December

9.30—12.30

In the Church



Festive foods—Christmas Puddings in 2 sizes, brandy butter, mincemeats; crafts, decorations, gifts, cakes, savouries, cards, hand knits, preserves, wreaths and more. Refreshments will be available throughout the morning so why not come and browse and see the goodies we have on offer. As is our usual practice all items and ingredients are donated in aid of church funds.



Appledore Christmas Celebrations!

The Over 65's Christmas Lunch 2023

Saturday 9th December

12.00 noon arrival, for 12.30pm lunch

Appledore Village Hall

Lots of you have already booked which is great, but we do still have a few spaces available. If you would like to join us for an afternoon of fun and Christmas cheer please book your place by contacting Jo no later than Tuesday 5th December 2023.

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Parish Council Update December 2023

(<https://www.appledorekent.org>)

Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where members of the local community join together with the support and supervision of the local Police to record details of speeding vehicles, using approved detection devices. We have a Speedwatch group in Appledore and welcome additional volunteers who are interested in helping and willing to give an hour or so every 2 months. If you are interested and wish to know more, please call Roger Hiskey 01233 758097

Parish Council emails

The Parish Council is changing its email addresses. This is to ensure that all emails are secure and legally compliant. The new emails will end in 'appledorekent.org, and we will let you know when they are set up and ready to go. The old emails will remain valid for a while, but all emails will be forwarded on to the new email accounts.

Banking (online)

There are currently only two councillors who are able to sign cheques, but we are working with the bank so that all councillors are able to sign. We are also hoping to move over to online banking as this will be a more efficient way of working moving forward.

Christmas Tree funding

The Parish Council has funded the Christmas tree that will be placed at the Church of St Peter and St Paul. We would welcome some assistance with decorating the tree: if you are willing to help, please let Linda know 01233 758097

Planning Applications

At the time of writing there were no listed planning applications for Appledore. You can check local planning applications by logging onto the Ashford Borough Council planning site <https://www.ashford.gov.uk/planning-and-development/planning-applications/>

Next Meeting

Please come and join us at the December Parish Council meeting. Some of the items we will be discussing include: electric car charging points at the Village Hall, plans for the recreation ground and tennis courts and applications for funding for local allotments (more funding applications will be coming soon). We will be meeting on Monday 4th December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us.

Julian Kenny, Parish Clerk



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Supper on November 3rd.

Your support on this occasion is, as always, much appreciated. We were thrilled with your wonderful comments of appreciation.

Unfortunately, due to a number of no-shows and late cancellation, we will need in future, to reinstate the deposit policy on all bookings.

Onto something much more positive. We have put our heads together and have come up with some exciting ideas for 2024. Obviously, these are just proposals at this stage with room for amendments, cancellations and suggestions from you.

PROPOSED 2024 ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

St. Patrick's Night 16/3/2024 always very popular

Film Night, possibly themed, Spring '24

Portuguese/Moroccan night - Summer '24

Friday Night is Curry Night - early Autumn.....a complete sell out last year!

Harvest Supper- October'24

BBQ on the recreation ground - gather round the fire pit! November '24



The Ramblers Walk 17th November 2023

This month is heading towards being one of the wettest November's on record. We have been battered by Storm Ciaran which brought 80 mph winds causing flooding and damage across the country. Indeed a big tree came down next to our house blocking in the Mill House behind us. A huge tree in their garden also blew down; the irony of this was both trees landed in the garden of another neighbour Rob, who happens to be a very skilful and nimble tree surgeon!

Someone above is obviously looking down favourably on our group of ramblers, as although it has rained most of the week, today the sun is shining and it's warm! Seven of us meet at the rec and we welcome Melanie to the group. We head towards the Heath end of the village, picking up Val as we pass her house and Lynn and Brenda from the crossroads making 10 in total. We carry on towards Woodchurch, passing Donkey Lane and then to Moor Lane which is where we are walking today. We pass the many poly tunnels where

local farmer and stalwart of the community James, grows his specialist salads and herbs. We continue down Moor Lane and Brenda points out that it was always called Shirley Moor Lane and she wonders why it was changed. We pass the allotments on our left, which are being cleared and revamped by a very hardworking committee. They already look transformed and will be ideal for anyone wanting to grow vegetables to enter in next year's Village Show!! We pass the local dog groomers and a farmyard on our right and a modern converted barn on our left.

Moor Lane is a narrow country lane and in places grass grows up through the tarmac making it look as if it's from times gone by. The Lane cuts across Shirley Moor and comes out on Brook Street which is the road between Tenterden and Woodchurch. The views open up and we can see for miles across the landscape. The landform is a flat flood plain but has gentle hills on either side. On the horizon we can pick out the 'twin towers' of the agricultural silos. The Tenterden Sewer and The Cradlebridge Sewer are the main drainage channels across the Moor and the land is now mostly arable creating the appearance of a rural wetland.

After a couple of miles we turn right off the lane and pick up footpath AT114, this follows the edge of a field and then takes us over a bridge. We continue up the hill and on reaching the top admire the beautiful views over Shirley Moor and towards Woodchurch in the distance. We know this area as have walked it before on previous walks to Woodchurch and through Hole Farm. As we take in the amazing scenery around us I notice that the field we are standing in is totally covered in spider's webs. None of us have ever seen anything like it before. The whole field is covered in a sea of gossamer strands that sparkle in the rays of the sun. The sight is breath taking and as soon as I get home I google this amazing sight. There are photographs that look exactly the same as the ones I have taken and it says the intricate constructions are the work of money spiders. Apparently the spiders climb to the highest point they can and release silk threads to form a triangular parachute which catches the breeze and lifts the spider into the air and away from the site. The technique is known as ballooning and allows the tiny spiders to travel much further than they could on foot! Wow how clever is nature?!! We carry on and the footpath has now become the AT116. We follow it through a couple more fields and then through to the stile at Munks Farm which is incredibly slippery. We walk along the road and back into the village all agreeing it has been another great walk. Last ramble of the year is December 15th – meet at Appledore Recreation Ground at 1.00 pm – all welcome!!

Jo Weeks.



Blast from the Past

Appledore Parish Magazine, August 1961

"OUR VILLAGE" by Janet B. Shapland

This Village is most friendly, the nicest and the best
That borders marsh and upland, near sea, in Kent, so blessed.

Our windmills are forgotten, their hills alone remain,
The Oasts, though sad and silent, their beauty is the same.
"Saint Peter and Saint Paul, is by the village street
Where sometimes, at the gateway, the hounds are known to meet.
This ancient church, within, without, does need great love and care
The beamed roof our main delight and many an antique rare.

The charming Street is famous for houses old and new
With gardens mostly beautiful - delinquents being but few!
We have the shops, we have the Pubs and Station, far away,
Does seem sufficient for our needs for work, and school and play.

In middle Street the Chapel is quite central for us all
And we are asked that everyone shall use the Village Hall.
Alas, the Church of England School, where wisdom sheds her pearls,
Is quite far distant down the roads for junior boys and girls.

We have our Blacksmith craftsman, Farm Workers, young and old,
The Builders and the Odd Job Men who lighten many a load.
The Guides, the Legion, W. I., the Welfare and 'the Clubs
Fetes, Stalls and Whist Drives all are here to form our village hub.

We live amongst the fruit trees, asparagus good to eat,
And row on row of runner beans and gaze on fields of sheep.
The bulbs are Spring time's harvest, their colour such a joy,
The tulips and the daffodils do many of us employ.

We cannot boast a river though Canal is surely ours,
A broad and varied waterway well fringed with trees and flowers.
Defence against Napoleon, its bank safe walk for dogs,
A tranquil place for fish and swans, a playground for all frogs.

For all the news be sure to read the Parish Magazine,
It is the link between us all for items heard and seen.
We are a great variety who often come and go,
And few there are who stay o'er long and quite a few "go slow".
But all the time we see and hear of kindness and help
Twixt friend and neighbour who, with care, do make true friendship felt.

This Village is a lovely place, a Home for You and Me,
Let us enjoy it, every one, in happy unity.



Appledore Local History Society

Many enquiries have been received during the year and much information researched and relayed, which also helped to bolster our archives both physically and digitally.

We have also received artefacts during the year, which again we look after (thanks to our current storage facility generously provided by a Parishioner) and digitalise for future generations to enjoy.

It is hoped that you have found our monthly articles in the Parish Magazine interesting and they serve to remind the Parish of our existence, now we have no permanent home since the Methodist Hall was sold for residential development.

We continue to meet monthly, update and maintain our website and enhance our archives. We also entered the 21st Century by purchasing a Sum-Up machine to accommodate cashless purchases and donations.

The Village Hall has been used on three occasions this year for the following talks;

3rd June – “Missing, No Known Grave” – Andy Saunders

7th October – “The 1987 Storm” - Bob Ogle

9th November – “The Commonwealth War Graves Commission” – John Harris

A group visit was arranged to the Kent Mining Museum at Betteshanger Country Park, near Deal, which is a well presented, interesting and an enjoyable experience; showcasing one of the four collieries that operated in Kent, producing very high quality coal. We highly recommend this be added to your ‘must visit’ list.

At the hugely successful Appledore Car Rally in July, we had a small display and spoke with a number of villagers, as well as visitors, who were given the link to our website. We have since created a portable double-sided display board summarising our activities and a pull up banner describing who we are and what we do, which highlights our prime purpose of “Keeping Appledore’s History Alive”.

Our plans for 2024 also include talks on the subjects below, as well as arranging another “ALHS Quiz Night”:

“From the Battlefield to the Big Screen” – Melony Foreman

“We Didn’t Start The Fire” (Billy Joel’s lyrics explained) – Steve Hookins

“The Royal Military Canal” – Michael Steed

A group visit to the Kent Battle of Britain Museum, Hawkinge is also envisaged.

FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE



A preview of the schedule for this year's show.

VEGETABLE SECTION

1. Three onions
2. Six runner beans
3. Four tomatoes (open)
4. Four cherry tomatoes (open)
5. Two parsnips
6. Five shallots (open)
7. Three carrots (open)
8. Three beetroots
9. Two any other vegetable not separately classed
10. Appledore Sunday Lunch – 3 potatoes, 2 different vegetables (number of each unspecified), bunch of flowers from exhibitor's garden and bunch of herbs from exhibitor's garden *

FRUIT SECTION

11. Three dessert apples
12. Three cooking apples
13. Three pears
14. Three of any other fruit (open)

FLOWER SECTION

15. Three stems of any kind of annual
16. Three stems of any kind of perennial
17. Three dahlias
18. Three roses
19. A miniature arrangement
20. 'Fireworks' arrangement
21. Arrangement depicting a song title
22. Arrangement incorporating a kitchen utensil*
23. 'General Election 2024' arrangement (open)
24. Indoor plant (owned for minimum of three months)

COOKERY SECTION

25. Four sausage rolls
26. Wholemeal loaf – approx. 500gm – not cooked in breadmaker
27. Treacle tart
28. Sachertorte (open)
29. MEN ONLY - Six Chelsea buns
30. One jar chutney (any type)
31. One jar marmalade (any type)
32. One jar jelly (any type)
33. One jar jam (any type)
34. One jar lemon curd
35. One bottle of any homemade beverage

Please note cake covers and bases will be provided to display all baked exhibits.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

- 36. Miniature garden in a seed tray
- 37. Man's face with mini greens/cress hair and beard to celebrate World Beard Day *
- 38. Colouring – set picture printed in the magazine *
- 39. Four crispy cakes (open) *

HANDICRAFT SECTION

- 40. Any item of hand embroidery
- 41. Any knitted item
- 42. Any other handicraft item (open)
- 43. Collage – any design *
- 44. Colouring – set picture printed in magazine *
- 45. Painting 'Holiday Destination' (open).

PHOTO SECTION

- 46. Country Walk
- 47. New Life

SPONSORED CLASSES

- 48. Longest runner bean
- 49. Heaviest onion
- 50. Best plate of four potatoes
- 51. Perfect Rose
- 52. Oddest vegetable

This year's show will be on **SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER** so book that date in your diary. Classes marked above with an asterisk * will have further explanations after Christmas. For now—get knitting, get sewing, get painting, sow your onion seeds.



GRAPEVINE : DECEMBER 2023

Items for insertion should be sent by the 17th of each month to: appledoremagazine@hotmail.com

Wendy Thomas has sadly moved to Tenterden. She has sent us this letter.

A BIG thank you to all those numerous people who sent me 'Get Well', 'New Home' cards, lovely messages, flowers, made me nourishing home made soup, cakes. I may have left Appledore but I will never forget the sincere friends I have made and when I am stronger I will be back to catch up with you and will always remain in touch. Many thanks to you all. Wendy Thomas, (ex 33, The Street).

Ann Hill who was Editor of the magazine for very many years has sadly passed away. I remember distinctly, cycling up to her house at 11.30 pm on the 20th of the month to ensure my articles got into her before midnight. She was a stickler for the deadline.

My daughter Sarah was in hospital for a week in October and the standards in the NHS have declined to the level where I needed to be with her from early morning to late evening, to ensure she got her medications as prescribed and saw the appropriate doctors. I was appalled by what I saw. It reminded me of my time, working in a Third World hospital in Southern Africa. Obviously ordinary life came to a

halt. As my dogs have been regularly escaping from my garden, they also had a week in the Harvey carpark. One afternoon, Ruby got bored and chewed the end off the headlight/indicator stick, leaving the lights on all afternoon!! I had a wet evening waiting for Green Flag to come and jumpstart me. I would like to express my thanks to Philippa Perkins for her amazingly thick filling soups and to Melanie, Mark and Carol Fitzgerald for the precooked dinners they gave me. It was the week we had one of those named storms and a small tree came down in my driveway. So thank you Martin Weeks for coming and removing said tree. It is wonderful to live in such a caring community as there were many offers of help and I know many prayers said. Sarah is now back home and the dogs and I are back home as well.

On a cheerful note:-

From John Cowell

We are pleased - belatedly (!) - to congratulate our daughter Elisabeth and her new husband, Leo on their wedding on October 21st that took place at Appledore church with our dear friend Lindsay officiating. The service was a delight with excellent organ playing by Geoffrey Davison. The flower displays arranged by the team led by Judith Clifton were fantastic and even the rain held off as we entered and left the church and made our way to Rye, where we enjoyed a fabulous reception at the Creative Centre. The Black Lion was widely admired by friends and relatives who fortified their day there before the service and the evening before and our thanks go to the staff there who helped make it a fun event.



And finally, Parish Councillor Roger Kimber is marrying Fiona MacMillan on Thursday 28th December at 3pm in the Church.

TO SWIM OR NOT TO SWIM

Cold and wet, cold and raining, and plenty of mud. But I don't mind, not really, its just the rub down when we get back home that I'm not so keen on.

Not much news to report. We made another trip to the beach and I lost another ball, again. Not my fault this time, a strange dog ran up and then ran off with my ball!!! Not impressed.

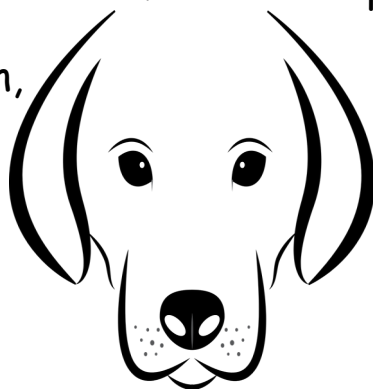
Another day we walked by the canal, met up with two big dogs just like me. They were running in and out of the water and swimming for England, so I chased in after my ball and realised I couldn't touch the bottom. I had to swim - well its not something I've had much practice at but I soon got the hang of it and was flapping about like a mad thing. I found my ball and headed for dry land and safety..... and I haven't tried it since! I'm more at home on dry land, even if it is muddy.

We had another visit from the family with you know who - Billie the mad puppy and of course he's getting bigger and madder than ever. Out in the garden, race around, then back indoors, up the stairs, then down the stairs, back out in the garden, sniff the fish pond, back indoors, upstairs to the bathroom, where's the bedroom, on the bed, back down to the front garden. Then the magic words, "let's take Billie for a walk. Someone catch Billie and put him on the lead", I heard. About time too, I thought to myself. Never still for a minute, I was exhausted just watching it all. And then I vaguely remembered being just the same at that age! We had a great walk on the beach and he was really well behaved, coming back when he was called. He seemed keen on the water and ran in and out of the sea without a second thought. I suppose we're like humans, some of us enjoy swimming and some don't. Anyway, when we got back to the house guess who immediately fell fast asleep? To be quite honest I was relieved when I heard them say they were leaving. Peace at last, I thought and I'll be dreaming about when I was a puppy, just as mad!

Til the next time then,

stay warm and dry,

love Brodie



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The Magazine team, the village societies and groups, the Church, the Parish Council and myself wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

